

# ITS CLOSE AND EXCITING. PROGRESS OF THE RACE FOR THE PENNANT.

**BALTIMORE'S RESUMPTION OF THE LEAD—**  
THIS WEEK'S PLAY.

The race for the National League pennant is as close and exciting as ever, and the Boston and Baltimore teams are leading their competitors in a lively chase indeed. The New-York and Cleveland teams are making frantic efforts to catch up, but of the two the Giants' chances are by far the better for the local team seems reasonably certain to make a better record than the Dodgers or any team behind Cleveland during the remainder of the season.

The Orioles have recovered from the set back sustained at the hands of the New-York and Boston teams recently, and Hamilton's men are again in the lead in the race for the championship. The Orioles are the baseball wonder of the season, for every critic in the country, with possibly one or two exceptions, has predicted that the Orioles would be back in the bunch long before this. Every indication points to a close and exciting battle between the leaders for the rest of the season. The Giants' chances are still bright, as the local team has the best of it from the pitchers' point of view, and good pitchers will prove an important factor in the race up the home stretch.

The Giants did much on the last week, winning four of the six games played to a finish. The team with Chicago on Saturday will be played off on Wednesday. Anson's Colts keep up their good work, and they led the League last week by winning five of the six games played, a better record than the long-limbed athletes are likely to make this week by the way. The Philadelphia and Baltimore teams came next with four victories and one defeat each. The Boston and Washington teams won three of the five games played. The Pittsburgh aggregation did not win a game during the week.

Foutz expects his Brooklyn team to do much better work than on the 15th, to Kennedy, Stein, Lued and Dab he has four pitchers who ought to give a good account of themselves. The Brooklyn team is a good batting one, and with closer attention to team work, and with better base running, Foutz's team should have nothing to fear from any team from the West.

In the race for the pennant Baltimore leads with 61 victories and 40 defeats. Boston having one more victory and one more defeat. Baltimore's net advantage is three points. New-York has three victories and three defeats. Philadelphia has four victories and four defeats, and is forty-one points behind the Orioles and thirty-eight behind Baltimore. The Philadelphia and Baltimore teams have a good chance to flash ahead of Cleveland and Pittsburgh in the next two weeks. The Baltimore team is having a desperate battle for title and honors, with the chances in favor of Washington. The record to date is as follows:

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**THE EAST VS. THE WEST.**

As the League games will be between the Eastern and Western teams from now to the close of the season a comparison of the record of each section will be interesting. The Eastern teams have by far the better of it to-day, having won a total of 152 games out of the Western teams, to 88 for the latter section. Not one of the Western teams has been able to break even to date.

Of the Eastern teams the champions have done the best work winning twenty-seven and losing ten games, a remarkable record. The Baltimore and New-York teams have done well, also. Baltimore winning twenty-six and losing eleven games, while the Giants have won twenty-five and lost twelve. The Washington team is leading the Eastern nine to lose more games than it has won.

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**CUBAN GIANTS THE WINNERS.**

A finely contested game was played at Shooting Park, Newark, yesterday between the Ironsides and Cuban Giants. It was the final game of the series between these two teams to settle the semi-professional championship, and a large crowd was present. The Cuban Giants played a really superb game, and the Ironsides were in the field being errorless. The four runs scored in the opening inning gave them the victory. The score:

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